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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. WOLF, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FILNER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. LYNCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made  
available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and  
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Employees  
5 Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAID PARENTAL LEAVE UNDER TITLE 5.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT TO TITLE 5.—Subsection (d) of sec-  
3 tion 6382 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating such subsection as sub-  
5 section (d)(1);

6 (2) by striking “subparagraph (A), (B), (C),  
7 or” and inserting “subparagraph (C) or”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(2) An employee may elect to substitute for any  
10 leave without pay under subparagraph (A) or (B) of sub-  
11 section (a)(1) any paid leave which is available to such  
12 employee for that purpose.

13 “(3) The paid leave that is available to an employee  
14 for purposes of paragraph (2) is—

15 “(A) subject to paragraph (6), 4 administrative  
16 workweeks of paid parental leave under this sub-  
17 paragraph in connection with the birth or placement  
18 involved; and

19 “(B) any annual or sick leave accrued or accu-  
20 mulated by such employee under subchapter I.

21 “(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be considered  
22 to require that an employee first use all or any portion  
23 of the leave described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph  
24 (3) before being allowed to use the paid parental leave de-  
25 scribed in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3).

26 “(5) Paid parental leave under paragraph (3)(A)—

1           “(A) shall be payable from any appropriation or  
2           fund available for salaries or expenses for positions  
3           within the employing agency;

4           “(B) shall not be considered to be annual or va-  
5           cation leave for purposes of section 5551 or 5552 or  
6           for any other purpose; and

7           “(C) if not used by the employee before the end  
8           of the 12-month period (as referred to in subsection  
9           (a)(1)) to which it relates, shall not accumulate for  
10          any subsequent use.

11          “(6) The Director of the Office of Personnel Manage-  
12          ment—

13               “(A) may promulgate regulations to increase  
14               the amount of paid parental leave available to an  
15               employee under paragraph (3)(A), to a total of not  
16               more than 8 administrative workweeks, based on the  
17               consideration of—

18                       “(i) the benefits provided to the Federal  
19                       Government of offering increased paid parental  
20                       leave, including enhanced recruitment and re-  
21                       tention of employees;

22                       “(ii) the cost to the Federal Government of  
23                       increasing the amount of paid parental leave  
24                       that is available to employees;

1 “(iii) trends in the private sector and in  
 2 State and local governments with respect to of-  
 3 fering paid parental leave;

4 “(iv) the Federal Government’s role as a  
 5 model employer; and

6 “(v) such other factors as the Director  
 7 considers necessary; and

8 “(B) shall prescribe any regulations necessary  
 9 to carry out this subsection, including, subject to  
 10 paragraph (4), the manner in which an employee  
 11 may designate any day or other period as to which  
 12 such employee wishes to use paid parental leave de-  
 13 scribed in paragraph (3)(A).”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 15 this section shall not be effective with respect to any birth  
 16 or placement occurring before the end of the 6-month pe-  
 17 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 3. PAID PARENTAL LEAVE FOR CONGRESSIONAL EM-**  
 19 **PLOYEES.**

20 (a) AMENDMENT TO CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNT-  
 21 ABILITY ACT.—Section 202 of the Congressional Account-  
 22 ability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1312) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by adding at the end  
 24 the following: “In applying section 102(a)(1)(A) and

1 (B) of such Act to covered employees, subsection (d)  
2 shall apply.”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
4 subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(d) SPECIAL RULE FOR PAID PARENTAL LEAVE  
8 FOR CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.—

9 “(1) SUBSTITUTION OF PAID LEAVE.—A cov-  
10 ered employee taking leave without pay under sub-  
11 paragraph (A) or (B) of section 102(a)(1) of the  
12 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C.  
13 2612(a)(1)) may elect to substitute for any such  
14 leave any paid leave which is available to such em-  
15 ployee for that purpose.

16 “(2) AMOUNT OF PAID LEAVE.—The paid leave  
17 that is available to a covered employee for purposes  
18 of paragraph (1) is—

19 “(A) the number of weeks of paid parental  
20 leave in connection with the birth or placement  
21 involved that correspond to the number of ad-  
22 ministrative workweeks of paid parental leave  
23 available to Federal employees under section  
24 6382(d)(3)(A) of title 5, United States Code;  
25 and

1           “(B) any additional paid vacation or sick  
 2           leave provided by the employing office to such  
 3           employee.

4           “(3) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection  
 5           shall be considered to require that an employee first  
 6           use all or any portion of the leave described in sub-  
 7           paragraph (B) of paragraph (2) before being allowed  
 8           to use the paid parental leave described in subpara-  
 9           graph (A) of paragraph (2).

10          “(4) ADDITIONAL RULES.—Paid parental leave  
 11          under paragraph (2)(A)—

12                 “(A) shall be payable from any appropria-  
 13                 tion or fund available for salaries or expenses  
 14                 for positions within the employing office; and

15                 “(B) if not used by the covered employee  
 16                 before the end of the 12-month period (as re-  
 17                 ferred to in section 102(a)(1) of the Family and  
 18                 Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C.  
 19                 2612(a)(1))) to which it relates, shall not accu-  
 20                 mulate for any subsequent use.”.

21          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 22          this section shall not be effective with respect to any birth  
 23          or placement occurring before the end of the 6-month pe-  
 24          riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO FAMILY AND MED-**  
2 **ICAL LEAVE ACT FOR GAO AND LIBRARY OF**  
3 **CONGRESS EMPLOYEES.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT TO FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE  
5 ACT OF 1993.—Section 102(d) of the Family and Medical  
6 Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612(d)) is amended by  
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR GAO AND LIBRARY OF  
9 CONGRESS EMPLOYEES.—

10 “(A) SUBSTITUTION OF PAID LEAVE.—An  
11 employee of an employer described in section  
12 101(4)(A)(iv) taking leave under subparagraph  
13 (A) or (B) of subsection (a)(1) may elect to  
14 substitute for any such leave any paid leave  
15 which is available to such employee for that  
16 purpose.

17 “(B) AMOUNT OF PAID LEAVE.—The paid  
18 leave that is available to an employee of an em-  
19 ployer described in section 101(4)(A)(iv) for  
20 purposes of subparagraph (A) is—

21 “(i) the number of weeks of paid pa-  
22 rental leave in connection with the birth or  
23 placement involved that correspond to the  
24 number of administrative workweeks of  
25 paid parental leave available to Federal

employees under section 6382(d)(3)(A) of title 5, United States Code; and

“(ii) any additional paid vacation or sick leave provided by such employer.

“(C) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be considered to require that an employee first use all or any portion of the leave described in clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) before being allowed to use the paid parental leave described in clause (i) of such subparagraph.

“(D) ADDITIONAL RULES.—Paid parental leave under subparagraph (B)(i)—

“(i) shall be payable from any appropriation or fund available for salaries or expenses for positions with the employer described in section 101(4)(A)(iv); and

“(ii) if not used by the employee of such employer before the end of the 12-month period (as referred to in subsection (a)(1)) to which it relates, shall not accumulate for any subsequent use.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall not be effective with respect to any birth



1 or placement occurring before the end of the 6-month pe-  
2 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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